



Welcome to St. Luke's Church

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

Our Mission:

"To Know God and To Make Him Known"

*Visitors are not expected to participate in the offering.
We hope you enjoy visiting with us today. Please come again soon.*

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation; that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according To Matthew 21:1-11.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the end of the reading:

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant: Let us pray. We praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. Grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.

All: In the Name of Christ. Amen.

Distribution of the Palms

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Processional Hymn

“All Glory Laud and Honor”

Chorus: All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s Name comest,
The King and Blessed One. (Chorus)

The company of angels are praising Thee on high;
And mortal men, and all things
Created, make reply. (Chorus)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went:
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before Thee we present. (Chorus)

To Thee before Thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise:
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Chorus)

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King. (Chorus)

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the Cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Praise and Worship

“The Lion and the Lamb”

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus:

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Bridge: Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

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“Hosanna, Praise is Rising”

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Pre-Chorus:
Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away
Washed away

Chorus:
Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new
You make us new

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“Gracious and Compassionate Medley”

The Lord is gracious and compassionate
Slow to anger and rich in love
The Lord is gracious and compassionate
Slow to anger and rich in love

And the Lord is good to all
He has compassion in all that he has made
As far as the east is from the west
That's how far he has removed
Our transgressions from us

Chorus: Praise the Lord, oh my soul, praise the Lord
Praise the Lord, oh my soul, praise the Lord

Bridge: Yours is the kingdom Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever amen

Tag: All glory and dominion
Forever and ever forever and ever

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Announcements

The Lessons

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22:1-11

Philippians 2:5-11

At the end of each reading the lector says:

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

[The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation may be seated for the reading of the Passion.]

Narrator: This is the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. One of the twelve, Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said...

Judas: What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?

Narrator: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. From that time on, he looked for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them. On the first day of Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said...

Disciple: Where do you want us to prepare to eat the Passover?

Jesus: Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, "The teacher says, 'My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.'"

Narrator: The disciples did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at the table with the twelve. And while they were eating he said...

Jesus: I say to you, one of you will betray me.

Narrator: Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another...

Disciple & Peter: Surely it is not I, Lord?

Narrator: He said in reply...

Jesus: He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.

Narrator: Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply...

Judas: Surely is it not I, Rabbi?

Jesus: You have said so.

Narrator: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said...

Jesus: Take and eat; this is my body.

Narrator: Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying...

Jesus: Drink from it all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.

Narrator: After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus said to them...

Jesus: This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken, for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed;" but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee.

Narrator: Peter said to him...

Peter: Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be.

Jesus: I say to you, this very night before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.

Peter: Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you.

Narrator: And the disciples spoke likewise. Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples...

Jesus: Sit here while I go over there and pray.

Narrator: He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. He said to them...

Jesus: My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.

Narrator: He advanced and fell prostrate in prayer, saying...

Jesus: My Father, if it is possible let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.

Narrator: When he returned to his disciples, he found them asleep. He said to Peter...

Jesus: So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator: Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again...

Jesus: My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Narrator: Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them...

Jesus: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand.

Narrator: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priest and elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying...

Judas: The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him.

Narrator: Immediately he went over to Jesus and said...

Judas: Hail, Rabbi.

Narrator: And he kissed him. Jesus answered...

Jesus: Friend, do what you have come to for.

Narrator: Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. One of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him...

Jesus: Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass this way?

Narrator: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds...

Jesus: Have you come out against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled.

Narrator: Then all the disciples left him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter was following him at a distance as far as the high priest's courtyard, and going inside he sat down with the servants to see the outcome. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward who stated...

Witness: This man said, 'I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.'

Narrator: The high priest rose and addressed him...

Caiaphas: Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?

Narrator: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him...

Caiaphas: I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Christ, the Son of God.

Jesus: You have said so. But I tell you; from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Narrator: Then the high priest tore his robes and said...

Caiaphas: He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?

Narrator: They said in reply...

Congregation: He deserves to die!

Narrator: They spat on his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying...

Congregation: Prophecy for us, Christ; who is it that struck you?

Narrator: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said...

Maid: You too were with Jesus the Galilean.

Narrator: But he denied it in front of everyone, saying...

Peter: I do not know what you are talking about!

Narrator: As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there...

Girl: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

Narrator: Again he denied with an oath...

Peter: I do not know the man!

Narrator: Later a bystander came over and said to Peter...

Bystander: Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away.

Narrator: At that Peter began to curse and to swear...

Peter: I do not know he man!

Narrator: Immediately a rooster crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken, "Before the rooster crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly. When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders saying...

Judas: I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.

Narrator: They said...

Congregation: What is that to us? Look to it yourself.

Narrator: Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said...

Congregation: It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood.

Narrator: After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field, even today, is called the Field of Blood. Fulfilling what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet, "And they took thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me." Now Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who questioned him...

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator: Jesus said...

Jesus: You say so.

Narrator: And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, Jesus made no answer. Then Pilate said to him...

Pilate: Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?

Narrator: But Jesus did not answer him one word, so the governor was greatly amazed. Now on the occasion of the feast, the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them...

Pilate: Which one do you want me to release to you. Barabbas or Jesus called the Christ?

Narrator: For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message...

Pilate's Wife: Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him.

Narrator: The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas, but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them...

Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to release to you?

Narrator: They answered...

Congregation: Barabbas!

Narrator: Pilate said to them...

Pilate: Then what shall I do with Jesus called the Christ?

Congregation: Let him be crucified!

Pilate: Why? What evil has he done?

Narrator: They only shouted the louder, saying...

Congregation: Let him be crucified!

Narrator: When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding, but a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd saying...

Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves.

Narrator: The people said in reply...

Congregation: His blood be upon us, and upon our children!

Narrator: Then Pilate released Barabbas to them. After he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside and gathered around him. They stripped him of his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. Kneeling before him, they mocked him saying...

Congregation: Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator: They spat on him, took the reed, and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to be crucified. As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry Jesus' cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying...

Congregation: You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!

Narrator: The chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him and said...

Congregation: He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel? Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver him now if He wants Him. For he said, "I am the Son of God."

Narrator: The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way. From noon onward darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice...

Jesus: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani!

Narrator: Which means...

Jesus: My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

Narrator: Some of the bystanders who heard it said...

Congregation: This one is calling for Elijah.

Narrator: Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, he gave it to him to drink. But the rest said...

Congregation: Wait; let us see if Elijah comes to save him.

Narrator: But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

(silence)

Narrator: And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said...

Congregation: Truly, this was the Son of God!

Narrator: There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate ordered it to be handed over.

Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb. The next day, the one following the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said...

Congregation: Sir, we remember that this impostor, while still alive, said, "After three days I will be raised up." Give orders that the grave be secured until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him and say to the people. "He has been raised from the dead." This last deception would be worse than the first.

Narrator: Pilate said to them...

Pilate: The guard is yours; go, secure it as best you can.

Narrator: So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.

The Message

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer." For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:
All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For Foley Beach, our Archbishop, Mark Engel, our Bishop, Daniel Morgan, our Rector, Andrew Unger, our Associate Rector, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. Lord, in your mercy:
All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:
All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:
All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For our nation and for Joe Biden, our President, James Vance and Sherrod Brown, our Senators, for our state and for Mike DeWine, our Governor, and for all those in authority and in public service. Lord, in your mercy:
All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)

The Peace

Deacon: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Exchange with one another the Lord's Peace.

The Offertory: (Tithes and offerings are collected at this time)

Celebrant: Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)

"Ever Be"

Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold
Like a vow that is tested like a covenant of old
Your love is enduring through the winter rain
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today

Faithful You have been and faithful You will be
You pledge yourself to me and it's why I sing

Chorus: Your praise will ever be on my lips
Ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips
Ever be on my lips

You Father the orphan, Your kindness makes us whole
You shoulder our weakness
And Your strength becomes our own
You're making me like You, clothing me in white
Bringing beauty from ashes for You will have Your bride

Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame
And known by her true name and it's why I sing

Bridge: You will be praised You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord
You will be praised You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord
[and it's why I sing]

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Celebrant: All things come of you O Lord
All: And of Your own have we given You.

The Great Thanksgiving

(We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lord's table.)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the Cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and by his suffering and death he became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!**

The Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory; that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Deacon: Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

All: We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him.

And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord:

All: Face to Face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

**All: Our Father Who art in Heaven hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
On earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

All: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: Grant us your peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant: The gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Celebrant: The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.
 The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Music During Communion:

“Hosanna”

I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes yeah

I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

Chorus: Hosanna hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
 Hosanna hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith

I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees

Bridge: Heal my heart and make it clean
 Open up my eyes to the things unseen
 Show me how to love like You have loved me
 Break my heart for what breaks Yours
 Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause
 As I walk from earth into eternity

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Chorus: Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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“Way Maker”

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus:

(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness
My God that is who You are

You are here touching every heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing every heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending every heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag: That is who You are, that is who You are
That is who You are, that is who You are

Bridge: Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

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Post Communion Prayer

All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: All our problems
All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All our difficulties
All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All the devil's works
All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: And all of hopes
All: We set on the risen Christ

The Blessing

The Recessional

“Hosanna, Praise is Rising”

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Pre-Chorus:

Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away
Washed away

Chorus:

Hosanna, Hosanna, You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna, Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new
You make us new

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The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

This Week at St. Luke's Church, April 3rd – April 9th

Monday

Stations of the Cross Service, 7:00-8:30 PM (Sanctuary)
Boy Scout Troop 411, 7:00-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

Tuesday

Worship With the Word, 6:00-8:00 PM (Sanctuary)
Stage 4 Ministry, 6:30-8:30 PM (Conference Room)
Women's Group, 7:00-8:30 PM (Common Room)

Wednesday

Thursday

Stage 4 Ministry, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM (Conference Room)
Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00-8:30 PM (Sanctuary)

Friday

Good Friday Service: "The Seven Last Words of Jesus", 7:00-9:00PM (Sanctuary)

Saturday

Men's Group, 9:30-11:00 AM (Café)
Easter Food Basket Distribution, 11:00-1:00 PM (Common Room)
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service, 7:00-8:30 PM (Sanctuary)

Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Bethel Akron Worship, 5:00-7:00 PM (Sanctuary & Upper Level)
Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

**Readings for April 9: Exodus 14:10-14, 21-31,
Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24, Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18**